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Remarks

The Office Action mailed 8 September 2004 has been received and reviewed. Claims 45 and 51 having been amended, the pending claims are claims 45-48 and 50-54. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Support for the language added to claims 45 and 51 can be found in the specification as originally filed (e.g., at page 13, lines 17-22).

Examiner Interview

Applicant's Representative Ann M. Muetting thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended in the phone interview of December 1, 2004. During the interview, the amendments presented herein were discussed. The Examiner graciously indicated that he would consider entering these amendments, even though the Office Action is on final.

The 35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection

The Examiner rejected claims 45-48 and 50-54 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sowman (U.S. Patent No. 3,795,524). This rejection is respectfully traversed in view of the amendments presented herein

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It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims 45-48 and 50-54 are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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